

HOUSE BILL 2137

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, relative to tuition-free courses for full-
time law enforcement officers and firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Full-time law enforcement officers, as defined in § 49-4-704(6), and firefighters, as defined in § 4-24-201, shall be eligible for enrollment in one (1) course per term at any state-operated institution of higher learning without paying tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees, or registration fees.

(b) Enrollment privileges may be limited or denied by the college or university on an individual classroom basis according to space availability. Enrollment under this section is on a first-come, first-served basis. No tuition-paying student shall be denied enrollment in a course because of enrollment pursuant to this section.

(c) Courses taken under this section shall be governed by the academic rules and regulations of the institution or school offering the course or courses.

(d) It is the legislative intent that the fees waived by this section shall not be deducted from the institution's budgets recommended by the Tennessee higher education commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.